



Cleanup of Tornado Debris

Information for Homeowners

Clearing of roadways and emergency routes – Remove trees and debris on roadways as soon as possible to ensure that emergency vehicles and clean-up crews can travel effectively. Do not place any materials on roadways. Separate trees, branches and clean wood from other waste.

Keep **harmful materials** separate from other debris. Damaged or leaking household hazardous waste (chemicals, paint, pesticides, etc.) and electronics (TVs, monitors, computers, etc.) will be collected separately. See the hazardous household waste and electronics fact sheet for guidelines.

Asbestos-containing material, such as asbestos pipe wrap, siding, ceiling tiles and other building materials, require proper identification, removal (if necessary) and disposal. Avoid mixing or disturbing asbestos materials. An asbestos inspector should help identify materials and prioritize clean-up options.

Wastes that quickly rot or decays – such as fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy products and animal carcasses – should be separated quickly and wrapped or bagged in plastic. (See the disposal of food waste fact sheet for more information.) This material will be collected by residential collection by Waste Management Inc.

Major household appliances or “white goods” – including stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers, hot water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc. – should be separated for recycling. Remove any food waste and avoid further damage. Appliances may be delivered to Neameyer Salvage .

Scrap metal – such as siding, steel, vehicles, trailers, etc. – should be kept separate for recycling. Scrap metal may be taken to Neameyer Salvage

Vegetative debris (or green waste) consists of trees, branches, brush, leaves and stumps that can be ground for mulch, compost, landfill cover or fuel. Do not mix with other waste or with treated lumber. Clean loads of green waste will be stored at the Rolla Inert Site.

Automobiles, boats and equipment will be recycled. Title, ownership and insurance issues should be addressed before they are scrapped. These items may be taken to Neameyer Salvage.

Concrete, asphalt and brick will be collected separately and recycled. Clean loads of this material will be stockpiled at the Rolla Inert site.

Mixed inert debris – material that won’t decompose or impact ground or surface water such as inseparable insulation, paper, cardboard, wood, concrete, etc. – that is free of asbestos, hazardous chemicals, food waste, etc., and that cannot be recycled will be collected for disposal or may be delivered to the Rolla Inert Site.

If you have any questions about disposal of tornado debris, call the North Dakota Department of Health at 701.328.5166.